

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	:
Rolf Lehmann	:
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Conf. No.: 5821	: Group Art Unit: 3754
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Appln. No.: 10/589,062	: Examiner: Robert K. Nichols II
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Filing Date: August 10, 2006	: Attorney Docket No.: 013986-5021US
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Title:	: DEVICE FOR METERING BULK MATERIAL

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

This Response replies to the Restriction / Election Requirement mailed on August 11, 2009 in the above-captioned application and is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for extension of time, which extends the period for reply to and through January 11, 2010.

The Office has required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 2-8, drawn to a device for metering bulk material including a metering module, stirring apparatus connection and orientation;
- II. Claims 9-14, drawn to a device for metering bulk material including special stirring apparatus; and
- III. Claims 15-19, drawn to a device for metering bulk material including a special drive arrangement.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of **Group III, claims 15-19.**

The above election is made solely to expedite prosecution, without acquiescence to the Examiner's characterization of the claims or reasons for restriction. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims of the same or different scope as the non-elected claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this submission, including extension fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **50-0310** (Billing No. 013986-5021US).

Respectfully submitted,

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